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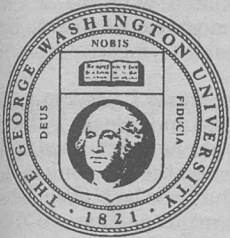
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Former student files lawsuit against GW

\$9 million sought for 'loss of happiness'

BY KEVIN ECKSTROM
SENIOR NEWS EDITOR

A mysterious female student known only as "Jane Doe" is at the center of a \$9 million lawsuit against the University filed by a former student who is suing for a breach of contract, fraud and misrepresentation and fraudulent concealment.

Former student Donald P. Menzies is suing the University after he says GW failed to give proper redress of grievances following an argument with a professor and an alleged assault on a student, known only as Jane Doe.

"I just want the truth to come out," Menzies, 38, said. "I hope and pray for the truth to come out."

Menzies filed the suit in D.C. Superior Court in October and a trial is tentatively scheduled for late spring or early summer. The suit, the second such case to be filed, follows a long and somewhat twisted legal affair between Menzies and GW.

Menzies received his bachelor's degree from GW in 1980 and a master's degree in 1981. In 1982, Menzies began his Ph.D. work in international affairs but never finished the degree. Since that time, his status as a student has been terminated and he is now barred from campus.

A long legal battle

While working toward his Ph.D., Menzies submitted a proposal for his doctoral dissertation in 1985. He said his proposal was not accepted and he was dropped from the program because professors in the political science department considered his thesis a "preposterous idea."

Menzies said his thesis was going to detail how the Soviet Union would disintegrate, Germany would be united and the cold war would be dead by the early 1990's. Menzies says after his predictions came true he was invited to finish his dissertation and reassumed his course work in 1991.

According to documents filed in Superior Court, Menzies registered for a research and advanced reading course taught by professor Susan Pell in the spring of 1992. Menzies said Pell also required him to attend classes in and fulfill requirements for another class she taught, "Theories of International Politics II."

While taking that class in 1992, an argument over his coursework

erupted between Pell and Menzies, he said. His suit alleges that Pell prohibited him from speaking in class, and that in March she would not allow him to attend class.

On May 29, 1992, Menzies received a letter from acting Dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Robert W. Kenny that said his doctor of philosophy candidacy had been "terminated" due to "unsatisfactory progress toward completion of your degree requirements."

Menzies said he doubted the validity of his dismissal and inquired about his situation only to find that he had been barred from campus.

Menzies, who is from Guyana, South America, and is of East Asian descent, said he felt he had been discriminated against because of his ethnic origin. Menzies filed a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education Civil Rights office in September 1993.

Five months later, Menzies received a letter from the Department of Education about his complaint saying the department had found no evidence of discrimination on the part of GW. However, the letter also said the University claimed Menzies had made a series of "harassing contacts and assaults upon a fellow University student during the Spring 1992 semester," according to court records.

Menzies denied these charges, but said these charges would have occurred during the same time as his disagreements with Pell.

When Menzies tried to review University files and reports that would have documented the assaults, he said he was told no such files existed.

He found that GW had made no mention of his unsatisfactory progress in the investigation by the Department of Education.

Still not satisfied, Menzies acquired his file from the Department of Education in 1995. Upon reading the file, Menzies said he was shocked to find the allegations of assault.

"I was never informed or given a formal statement of charges," Menzies said. "None of the due processes described in the student bulletin ever occurred."

According to the Guide to Student Rights and Responsibilities, a student who is charged with a violation of the student code has the right to "notice of charges whenever formal action upon such charges is

(See MENZIES, p. 15)



Tyson Trish/Visuals Editor

With a regular-season record crowd of 2,783 looking on, head coach Joe McKeown and the GW women's basketball team swamped No. 22 Western Kentucky 88-63 Saturday at the Smith Center. (See story, p. 19.)

Candidates take a stand at Thurston

BY FRANCESCA DI MEGLIO
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Freshmen were given the opportunity Thursday to meet the candidates campaigning for positions on the Program Board, the Marvin Center Governing Board and the Student Association in Thurston Hall.

The candidates discussed issues ranging from financial aid to Greek-letter organizations.

The five SA presidential candidates - Andrew Lewis, Adam Siple, Jeff Butler, Terry Miller Jr. and Kuyomars "Q" Golparvar - spoke about their platforms.

Lewis said he wants to improve the quality of teaching assistants, create GWIS3 and address the student activities fee.

However, some freshmen were more concerned with the violations against him.

Lewis said "(the violations are) absurd. This is the cleanest campaign I have ever seen."

After encouraging students to

read his 39-point platform, he said, "I think things are going well. The SA is addressing your needs. I want to build on that success."

Siple discussed Vision 2000, a program he said he hopes to create in which leaders from the Class of 2000 would decide how to bring GW into the 21st century.

Siple also said he hopes to establish issue awareness programs and a closer relationship with hall councils.

Golparvar spoke about the "three As" - aid, advocacy and access.

Golparvar said the SA should have meetings with students all of the time. "I have 24 points on my platform and all of it will get done," Golparvar said.

Miller discussed his concern with financial aid not being maintained despite tuition increases.

He also discussed his concerns with campus security.

Miller said a woman was robbed near his home recently. He added that "I will not allow this to happen as SA president."

(See CANDIDATE, p. 16)

Class of 2001 sets application record

Admission rate will now be less than 50%

BY STACEY FELSEN
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions has received a record-breaking 12,200 applications and will have an acceptance rate less than 50 percent, according to Frederic A. Siegel, assistant vice president for enrollment management and director of admissions.

"We want to stay on this course of action and put together a great student body," Siegel said.

Siegel said 12,200 applications had been received by the admissions office as of Feb. 5 and 500 more applications are expected. This figure breaks the old record of 10,469 set in 1994. He said 10,350 applications were received in 1995.

Siegel said the increasing interest in GW is a result of many factors.

"Word is getting out that GW is getting better students ... (and) an Inaugural year always creates a blip on GW."

He also said more direct mailings have been sent to high school juniors and seniors.

"And of course the fact that we went to the U.S. News & World Report's top 50. The clients we have read those magazines," Siegel said. "This is considered a leading rater and to make that bump is dramatic. When those bottom five schools switch, GW gets more out of that movement than most on that list."

Siegel said between 5,800 and 6,000 applicants will be accepted, close to the same figures as last year, creating a 47.5 to 48 percent acceptance rate.

GW has accepted 295 early decision students from 577 applicants and 200 commitments have been made, 50 more than last year. Five percent of general applicants will be put on a waiting list of 600 to 700 applications.

"We're shooting for 1,700. We are under very specific mandate to bring in a freshman class of 1,700 and no more than 1,700. We will do all we can to make sure we do not exceed more than 1,700," Siegel added.

Idiotic censorship turns video-less MTV to (BLANK)

Back in the 1980s, the Dead Kennedys came out with a song titled "MTV Get Off the Air." At the time I was probably just a little too impressed with the combination of bite-sized movies and music to be as adamant as Jello Biafra and the rest of the Kennedys about getting rid of MTV, but by now I'm increasingly inclined to agree.

Music Television is hardly even the right name for the channel anymore. Strange cartoons and dumb game shows dominate, as well as entire shows devoted to filming everyday people doing

everyday things have not only contributed to MTV becoming saturated by pure, unadulterated crap, but also have confined the actual music to short blurbs during Beavis and Butthead, or to time slots when they are least likely to be seen.

And if, heaven forbid, you actually do get to see a video, they go ahead and do stupid things like blurring out the brand logos of the companies that refuse to pay MTV to show the swoosh on Snoop Doggy Dogg's cap - and censoring out words that have no business being blanked out.

For instance, in a Fun Loving Criminals video, MTV blanks out the word "whacked" in the chorus



Erik Schelzig

"running around ... all (BLANK) on Scooby Snacks." Now, since when is "whacked" a bad word, and how much worse does it make the song sound when you are left to

your imagination? And how come Scooby and Shaggy always get paired together, even though they are the only ones who are actually scared of ghosts, even though the ghosts always turn out to be the owners of the amusement parks? Zoinks! But I digress

Another example: In the MTV version of a Sublime video the song goes "I popped a (BLANK) in Sancho" and "Daddy's got a new (BLANK)." Now if you didn't know those two words missing were "cap" and ".45," you could go crazy trying to figure out what terribly disgusting words could possibly fit into those blanks.

This bizarre and haphazard censorship is reminiscent of Yossarian, the character in Joseph Heller's *Catch-22*, who is assigned to censorship duty - blacking out sensitive topics from letters sent from the servicemen back to the states during World War II. Instead of actually reading the letters and deciding what should and should not be included, Yossarian blacks out everything in the letters except for completely non-descriptive words, like "the" and "a." A main question throughout the book is whether Yossarian is crazy or not. In the case of MTV, there doesn't seem to be any question.

Hey, MTV, check this out: CAP! WHACKED! .45! Idiots.

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In other music-related news, The Washington Post reported last Saturday that the Egyptians are

cracking down on heavy metal enthusiasts, because they are becoming increasingly convinced that these metalheads are also devil worshippers. Well, Egypt, it may be true that they probably don't have the best taste in music, and that the way of life that tends to be associated with metal isn't quite the most conservative, but that doesn't mean they're Satanists.

I should know. I used to wear big sneakers and black T-shirts, too. I even, at one point, tried to do the old short on the top, long in the back hair that was so stylish (or so I thought) at the time. AC/DC, Metallica and Iron Maiden eventually gave way to Pantera, Biohazard, Ministry and Nine Inch Nails (before it was fashionable to like Trent Reznor). Have I ever, to my knowledge, been a Satanist? No. Do I have a copy of Harry Wedek's *The Triumph of Satan* in my bookshelf? Yes. Why? Because I thought it was funny and probably made me feel rebellious.

Now if you wanted to call my friends and me devil-worshippers that was fine with us; we were happy with our big sneakers, our bad hair and our MTV that would feed us our heavy metal videos. I'm sure those Egyptian kids are just the same. Except that when they play their metal anthem on MTV all they can hear is "(BLANK) your head," or "You (BLANK) it all, but you can't (BLANK) it." Good luck deciphering those correctly

And, oh yeah: "(BLANK) like an Egyptian."

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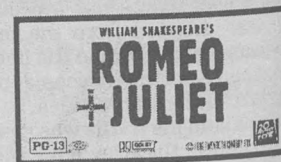
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Evans meets with GW, GU students

Councilmember defends parking bill

BY KEVIN ECKSTROM
SENIOR NEWS EDITOR

Ward 2 City Councilmember Jack Evans recently said he supports the efforts of students to run for Advisory Neighborhood Commission positions and even pulled strings on the City Council to approve and extend a GW-sponsored park despite a rejection from the ANC.

Some local student leaders, however, say Evans' recent turn of heart is nothing more than political pandering as he gears up to run for mayor next year, even as he sponsors legislation that restricts student rights.

Legislation banning students from obtaining District reciprocity parking permits will not be repealed, Evans said, and he is again supporting legislation that limits the number of unrelated people who can live in one house together.

"Evans said he really appreciates the efforts of GW students over the past few years," Student Association President Damian McKenna said. "He doesn't want to have bad blood (between the city and GW)."

McKenna, Executive Vice President Dianne Gayoski and District Capital Consortium President Richard Sheehey, also a GW student, met with Evans and representatives from Georgetown University last month to discuss issues of concern to students in the District.

The Georgetown zoning "overlay" plan, which would affect student housing, was instituted several years ago to address problems that "fall through the cracks," said Evans' Chief of Staff John Ralls.

The overlay regulations contain rules for such things as neon signs and height restrictions on buildings. While revising the overlay, Ralls said city planners removed unnecessary restrictions but felt they "should and could address ... the number of people living together in one house."

Ralls said Evans supports efforts to limit the number of people living in one house, but Sheehey said such legislation will only drive up city rents by increasing the demand but not increasing the supply.

Both Ralls and McKenna said Evans promised the housing restrictions would not reach into the Foggy Bottom neighborhood, but McKenna and Sheehey nonetheless felt concern that GW students may be the next to be targeted.

The overlay restrictions would apply first to the Burleith section of Georgetown, but Ralls said the final restrictions, once codified into law, would not take effect for several years, so there is plenty of time for students to give their input.

"He now realizes that students are a powerful voting block in the District," Sheehey said, adding that this is absolutely the softer, gentler side of Evans.

Sheehey decried the "paternalistic" and "vocal minority" in the ANC that wants to limit the ability of students to live off campus and that supports the zoning overlay restrictions.

"This is not jail, they can't tell us where to live," Sheehey said. "We're all adults and we can live off campus and damn it, we will. To hell with the (ANC Commissioner) Dorothy Millers of the world."

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8. PB Chair

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Admit nothing

The Office of Undergraduate Admissions is promising an acceptance rate of less than 50 percent for the Class of 2001. That bodes well for GW's national reputation, but when next year's inevitable tuition increase is announced at the end of this week, the administration must also keep in mind its primary job - to provide for the students already here.

The University has already received more than 12,000 applications for undergraduate admissions, which means they'll have to accept less than 50 percent or risk getting a class that simply won't fit on campus.

The danger is that they'll get such a class anyway. The admissions office has miscalculated in the recent past. The plan is to admit enough students to get an incoming class of 1,700. But if too many students accept GW's offer, GW could be mobbed by as many as 1,900 or 2,000 new undergraduates. The Office of Undergraduate Admissions must be on guard to prevent such a possibility, and we must be braced for the flood of freshmen if they don't prevent it.

But however many students show up, the reduced admissions rate is nothing but good news for those of us already here. Acceptance rate is one of the big factors in *U.S. News & World Report's* rankings of colleges and universities. The lower ours goes, the higher we rise in the rankings. If we want to stay in the top 50, it's things like this that will keep us there.

So kudos to the admissions office. They're obviously doing a great job attracting and recruiting students. (It helps that this is an Inaugural year, too.)

What GW must keep in mind is its commitment to its current students, who will pay more than \$20,000 annually in tuition alone next year. More tuition can't mean fewer and poorer services. Crowded residence halls, computer labs and cafeterias are already a way of life here. As the student body continues to grow, GW must get better at accommodating us.

Private lives

The Washington Post thought it had scored a big scoop last week when it broke the truth about Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's past as a lead front-page story. It seems Albright's grandparents were actually born Jewish, but became Christians when they came to the United States.

This is a fascinating look at the history of Albright's family, but we're not sure it merited the top of the front page. The story The Post ran was almost accusatory in nature. It had the air of digging up a big, dark secret about one of our country's leaders. And it was to some extent an unfortunate invasion of her privacy.

Albright didn't even know the truth about her heritage until The Post brought it to her attention and then promptly ran the story. How would you feel if your private family background was aired on the front page of a national newspaper? Albright had just learned the information herself. It's enough that she had to deal with it privately.

Of course, if you're the Secretary of State, you have to deal with being in the public eye. Albright's family story is interesting, and it certainly should not have been kept from the news altogether. But The Post made the mistake of overplaying the story. The news in front-page stories should have wide-ranging implications. Whether Albright's grandparents were Jewish or Christian has no such implications.

The Post had an exclusive story, and it got excited and carried away with it. That's an understandable mistake, but it's a mistake nonetheless.

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The shoe tree debacle goes on ...

In response to Delta Tau Delta President Tyler Green's editorial in the Feb. 3 edition of The GW Hatchet ("Taking shoes out of Delts' tree does nothing to advance women," p. 5), I have to disagree with him on a few points. I also have to agree with him on a few.

There is a winner in this shoe tree situation - the tree. I am a feminist, and I have to agree with Green that this did nothing to further women's issues on campus. If anything, this incident has set us back a long way at GW. Because of this, when people hear that Womyn's Issues Now is on a crusade, they will automatically assume that it is something frivolous and trivial.

There are serious problems on campus dealing with sexist behavior - things much more important than a shoe tree that may have been a symbol of some vain men's conquests on some women who may have put themselves in morally compromising situations. I have heard from several of my female friends that they have been sexually harassed by professors or other GW staff. That is a much larger problem than a tree full of shoes. Why doesn't WIN member Charlotte Hernandez seek out these professors and show the University a real witch? Why waste your time on a tree outside a fraternity?

And if what Green is saying is true - that WIN never contacted the fraternity directly about the shoe tree - I have to ask WIN, why not? Even though these men may not seem very giving to you, by their community service record, they must be. They may have even taken them down, saving you a tattling phone call to the city.

And if Green is going to whine about a \$400 fine, I have to ask, why didn't you talk to WIN? It was no secret that they were upset about the tree. Or (here's a novel idea!) why didn't you take down the shoes? There are plenty of other ways to demonstrate tradition that don't involve vandalizing a tree that doesn't even belong to the fraternity.

(But then again, maybe the \$400 will help this bankrupt city!)

I can't agree that the shoe tree is a safety hazard. But with the precious few trees we do have in this neighborhood, why would the Delts want to make it ugly and smelly with gym shoes from their freshman year of high school?

Although I cannot thank Hernandez for furthering women's issues on campus this time, I can thank her for preserving the beauty of that tree. I am no champion of fraternities or their activities, but I must side with them over this debate, trivial as it is.

-Heather Hare
junior

I am writing in response to an article I read on the shoe tree at GW. The article was right when they said the shoe tree was started innocently by a couple of brothers 15 years ago. As a matter of fact, it was exactly 15 years ago, and I started it.

I began the shoe tree after a trip to Brooklyn, where I saw a few kids immortalize their worn-out, prized possessions. It was in the early '80s that sneakers began to be major status symbols. Even after the sneakers had been replaced by a new pair, it was hard to simply throw the old ones away. Those were the sneakers we had lusted after and saved up to purchase, a pair of sneakers that often made the difference between a guy being teased or admired at school. Because we did not have any above-ground wires, we used a tree outside my window.

It is a shame that a few misinformed people can destroy a tradition by bastardizing its meaning. There was never any sexual meaning or innuendo associated with the sneakers' rite of passage. I cannot help wondering, though, about the "womyn's" motives when they are waiting outside fraternities for shaken college girls.

-Steve Zarpas
Delta Tau Delta, class of 1984

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ball's price tag

Some time has passed since Bill Clinton's second Inauguration as well as GW's second Inaugural Ball. GW's ball seemed to be very well planned - there were even ice sculptures of hippos! It was surely a night to be remembered.

A subsequent issue of The GW Hatchet included an op-ed piece on the ball ("GW Inaugural Ball a metaphor for the big way we operate here," Jan. 27, p. 4). The author, likewise, praised the evening. However, in passing she mentioned that the special committee running the event had "no intention" of disclosing the cost and the source of funding for the entire event.

I am a life-long Democrat who

took off a semester and worked to re-elect Bill Clinton. Unlike the Democratic Inaugural Committee, the GW equivalent will not tell its students and other people who support the University how this event financially impacted this institution.

It also seems that an evening that cost the most frugal participants at least \$100 (when you consider ticket prices and buying a dress or renting a tux) is a little excessive when it was widely assumed that Clinton had little or no intention of showing up at this unofficial function.

I am now calling upon the Student Association to begin inquiries into the funding, cost and organization of the GW Inaugural Ball. Did the University make money? Or more important-

ly, did the University lose money?

I hope some people on this campus (including our parents who support many of us) are asking the same questions. Wouldn't it have been better for us to pay a few more bucks to go to an official ball and see real entertainment as well as visits from the president and vice president?

The Democratic Inaugural Committee disclosed all their sources of funding and costs. GW should do the same. It is very arrogant to think that our University has "no intention" of disclosing any of the questions above.

This situation should be an example of student government at work for us. These questions should be answered.

-Aaron K. Albright
sophomore

OPINION

A nation in mourning: sharing Israelis' grief after accident

JERUSALEM — Thursday's newspapers were thick with the grievous and the grieving as the nation mourned the violent deaths of 73 elite military personnel in a fiery helicopter collision Tuesday evening.

All public places but schools and banks closed as part of a national day of mourning, as declared by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

The Talmud, the collection of Jewish oral law, says the loss of one life is equal to the loss of an entire world. This has been the theme throughout the week, in this small nation of four million Jews, where the death of so many, as one man said, is the destruction of so many worlds.

Here military service and reserve duty are mandatory for all. Citizens are well aware that they and their fellow Israeli Defense

Force members are the tenuous human barrier keeping the nation alive and viable — and that when tragedy strikes, there but for the grace of God go they. In the pages of Thursday's Jerusalem Post, a mother wrote: "I felt that sickening wrench in the gut that occurs every time a soldier is killed. My son was safe, but only by chance."

"Now I know what it is like for the mothers of those who died," said my Hebrew teacher, a young mother of two small boys who also will one day serve in the IDF. She also told us, through her tears, how every catastrophe brings a flood of painful memories to all Israelis, for the family and close friends killed in previous incidents.

"As the nation mourned ... other tragic accidents in the nation's past inevitably come to mind," read another Post editorial.

Everyone seems to know someone involved — a son's best friend who died, a Magen David Adom (the Israeli equivalent to the Red Cross) volunteer at the scene, a member of the kibbutz near where the aircraft hit the ground.

The crash was an accident that probably will be blamed on human error in the evening's fog and freezing rain. That no enemy can be held accountable for or retaliated against in this disaster deepens the pain. We have only ourselves to blame and no future threat can be girded against — these are the tragedies the nation feels most keenly. This is especially true in battle-hardened Israel, which prides itself in being a nation prepared to face any enemy — except, as this past week shows, one from within.

So the papers consist of photos of young, handsome soldiers in the throes of mourning for their friends, again demonstrating Israel's shattering personal association with grief. The IDF olive-drab berets and Galils, omnipresent on city streets — waiting for rides at the bus stops, calling home on pay phones, strolling the sidewalks — were fewer this week, and more reserved amid the locked shop doors.

DJs limited their broadcasts to call-in venting and dirge-like soft Hebraic pop. The restaurants, falafel stands, lotto kiosks and T-shirt shops closed. The Knesset held a brief meeting Wednesday morning, so members could publicly express their grief before attending the funerals of 73 of Israel's best and brightest.

—Anne Miller, a junior majoring in journalism and a former news editor of The GW Hatchet, is studying in Jerusalem this semester.

Anne Miller

Negative media coverage promotes campus pessimism

Ask yourself one question. Why are you (seriously) attending school at GW? Looking at last Thursday's GW Hatchet, I wouldn't be surprised if you have forgotten why.

I'm sick and tired of the pessimistic bullshit that I hear around this campus. I haven't openly said much about this because I used to believe that no one really meant it. But I tend to be idealistic sometimes, and as a consequence I wouldn't listen to the bad news, and redirect my focus on the good news that this school offers.

But let's look at the "source of news" on the city campus of our beloved GW — The GW Hatchet (or "Hotshit," which was a fairly accurate description in a past April Fool's edition). Good news is certainly difficult to come by.

The reason why I express my disgust about "news" coverage on this campus is due to a lack of "press" notification about an event that was held primarily for the main reason why we, the students, attend GW — to get a damn job or at least some type of direction when you leave here.

The Career Exploration Fair was designed to provide information, advice and resources in more than 26 fields of expertise. KPMG Peat Marwick, IBM, Fox News, the Department of Justice and the Capital Hilton were just a few businesses represented. No "Hotshit" columnist from page 1 to 16 made this aware to his or her reading audience.

"As someone who worked hard for this, it's upsetting after helping to plan an event like this to see a low turnout," said sophomore Laura Ware, a staff assistant with the Career Center.

I was ticked off, because I had a friend come to represent his business at the fair. He was under the impression that we're an apathetic school. I don't believe that's quite true — but I do believe "un-informed" would be a better description. We can turn to our press as a reason.

The Feb. 6 edition has on the front page the exciting news of the attempt to dismiss a Student Court judge and the effectiveness of palm cards during election campaigns. Pages 3 and 9 have more coverage

about the enduring "Colonialgate," which includes the scandals, fines and violations of the University's student political system.

Why am I hearing this all the time? To learn the government isn't just corrupt on the national level, but on the campus level? Yeah, I'm sure there's a whole lot of people expressing these problems on campus. No one is talking about what they might do with the rest of their lives after their GW experience. Give me a break.

Kudos do go to the staff of the Weekend section, and usually the Sports section. When I pick up a "Hotshit" from the newsstand, I flip to the back for the sports. However, I was a bit ticked off about something. Since sports editor Matt Bonesteel's "Skinny" column must be more powerful than his jump shot, I couldn't find his rationale. He

doesn't have reason to bash Belorussians who speak the language of basketball just fine, or Ferdinand Williams, who unlike our columnist is at practice every day.

I've got a hell of a lot of pride in this school, because it can significantly aim an 18-year-old the right way — if you give a damn, that is. I'm grateful that the resources here — professors, mentors and classmates — have enabled me to professionally lead myself into some sort of direction. But when people floating through their college years tell me "Mike, I can't wait to get out of here," I ask what they want to do with themselves, and they're not quite sure.

Let me say this as a reminder. You are at GW to expand your life, explore both social and professional opportunities and make the most of a global, metropolitan experience which many don't have the chance to have. Maybe you saw me at the pep rally before the Massachusetts game. I love this school, all right? GW is a good place to be, and don't think that the "Hotshit" is your only news source here — until the staff publicizes important and practical news to us, the students.

—Michael Brown is a junior majoring in marketing and sports management.

Michael Brown

Campaign finance reform should provide more freedom, not less

During the 1996 campaign season, the Clinton/Gore '96 committee and the Democratic National Committee engaged in some fundraising practices that were at best questionable and at worst illegal. This prompted calls for investigations into violations and a rewriting of campaign finance law. Both sides have engaged in finger-pointing and one-upmanship. However, instead of asking how these laws were violated, we should ask why the laws are there to begin with.

Politicians who are so eager to score points with lofty rhetoric about reform seem to forget one crucial fact — dollars do not cast votes, people do. Elections are not decided by which candidate has the most money in the campaign treasury by election day. They are decided by the number of people who come out to vote for each of the candidates.

Another myth seems to be that politicians are puppets of the special interests. The truth is that these interests decide whom to support after the candidates have stated their view on the matter impor-

tant to the lobby.

Are motives really important, anyway, when trying to analyze a politician's voting record? For example, if your senator votes against gun control, then you need to decide whether you agree with that vote, and if you disagree, if that is enough to get you to vote against him in the next election. It

should not matter whether the National Rifle Association gave him 10 cents or \$10,000 to vote against gun control. The fact is he voted a certain way, and that is the record he will have to defend.

The way to reform campaign finance is to liberalize it as much as possible. There should be full disclosure of who contributed how much, but there need not and should not be a limit on contribu-

tions. I believe the Supreme Court was correct in equating money to speech, because it is what makes speech possible in campaigns. I oppose the Constitutional amendment that would overturn that decision because it is unwise to politicize the Constitution. I also believe that print media should give some free space and broadcast media should give some free time to candidates to cut down a bit on the need for money. I would say that a limit on how much can be contributed to one's own campaign might be a good idea.

Campaign financing as it currently stands does not create as many problems as you may be led to believe. It should be liberalized so that voters can look at everything available to help them make an informed decision. The easiest way to penalize someone who has gone over the line is to simply vote him out. If more people turned out to vote, problems like this would take care of themselves.

—Christopher Jenkins is a freshman majoring in political science and history.

Christopher Jenkins

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Campaign finance reform concerns SA Senate

Bills seek to limit how allocation funding is spent by groups

BY MATT BERGER
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Campaign finance reform is the focus of debate in the Student Association Senate, after several senators complained about the use of student organization funds

for election forums.

Two bills before the Senate are designed to discontinue use of student allocated money for any type of activity related to elections.

The first bill, presented by seven senators, would restrict SA allocated funds from being used to

pay for endorsement ads. The second, authored by two senators, would restrict the money from being used to host candidate forums.

A recent donation to a student organization has fueled the quest for reform.

The SA gave the Cigar Smokers' Forum \$300 for a "Meet the Candidates" night. The money came from the SA's discretionary co-sponsorship fund.

"I think it is vital that (the SA) help student groups in this and other endeavors," Cigar Smokers' Forum President Matthew Dybwad said. He said the event will help people learn about his organization.

Several senators said the event is a conflict of interest for the SA and the upcoming elections.

"It's kind of a gray area," said graduate Sen. Scott Haggard (SBPM), who sponsored the bills. "Any involvement the SA would have within its own elections could be questionable, so it's best for the SA to stay out as much as possible."

Some senators said the money was given to the Cigar Smokers' Forum because of the organization's possible alliance with Andrew Lewis, SA presidential candidate and vice president for financial affairs.

SA President Damian McKenna and Finance Committee Chair and Graduate Sen. J.P. Blackford (SEAS) signed off on the co-sponsorship. "The allegation that anything is politically motivated is stupid," McKenna said. "We're here to help groups."

McKenna cited the fact that

the Cigar Smokers' Forum only received \$75 in the fall allocation as justification for the co-sponsorship.

Blackford said he wasn't sure whether to issue the co-sponsorship. "My initial main concern was whether they would be endorsing a candidate (at the event)," he said.

The Cigar Smokers' Forum will not make an endorsement.

Another reason people are upset with the forum is because it will be off campus, at T.G.I. Friday's on Pennsylvania Avenue.

"It's a unique situation for us because at this moment there is no place on this campus that can fit our needs," Dybwad said, citing the school's no-smoking policy. "The school has precluded us from having a place that fits our needs as cigar smokers."

"It's legal, (but) I hope (election co-sponsorship) would not be," graduate Sen. Emily Cummins (CSAS) said. The two bills, both of which she has co-authored, would not affect co-sponsorships, but would instead affect money allocated to student groups.

She said she hopes her bills will clean up the election process. "It's an opportunity for groups to get back to their original purpose," Cummins said. "Groups shouldn't be used for political purposes."

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Siple Web page results in concern, JEC fines

Gargano tells candidate to remove photos

BY JAY JAGANNATHAN
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Student Association presidential candidate Adam Siple confirmed that he has removed pictures featuring himself, GW administrators and other students from his Internet site after being pressured by GW officials.

"The pictures had always been (on the Web page) and were personal pictures," Siple said. "Nobody said anything about them until now."

The two pictures that were removed were taken last year, when Siple was a member of GW's Colonial Cabinet.

One picture was taken during GW's Homecoming Gala last year, and showed Siple, GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg and Hannah Eskridge, a CI Cabinet member.

The other picture, which was taken during last year's Thurston Hall Presidential Council, featured Siple, Eskridge, Vice President of Student and Academic Support Services Robert Chernak and another student.

Eskridge said she was made aware of the pictures by another CI Cabinet member and was concerned that students seeing her along with Siple would be misleading to potential voters.

"I was not supporting Adam," Eskridge said. "I did not want to be

misrepresented and have people voting for Adam just because they saw my picture."

Eskridge said when she requested by e-mail that Siple remove the pictures, he responded, "I don't know how to take the pictures off ... I don't need this nonsense right now."

Eskridge responded by filing a complaint to the Joint Elections Committee, but Siple said he believes the issue has been blown out of proportion.

Siple said what has upset him the most about the issue was that he was contacted twice by Michael Gargano, special assistant to Vice President Chernak, who demanded that he remove the pictures.

"He called me once in the middle of the night, and again early in the morning, and said the pictures had to be removed urgently," Siple said. "What the University administrators did was out of line."

Gargano declined to comment. Siple was fined 15 points by the JEC for the pictures, but said he believes the fine will be removed.

However, according to one JEC representative, the fine has not yet been changed.

"Adam (was fined) for not having part of his Web page approved," said the JEC member, who asked not to be identified. "Unless Adam appeals this violation, the fine will not be removed."

JEC fines Golparvar, Lewis campaigns

Kuyomars "Q" Golparvar and Andrew Lewis, both campaigning for president of the Student Association, have been hit with additional fines.

Golparvar received 10 points for door-to-door campaigning before Feb. 11, the official start date for campaigning in the residence halls. He also received a 15-point fine for distribution of campaign material within a residence hall. Golparvar is prohibited from campaigning in the residence halls for the rest of the elections, based on the JEC's ruling.

Lewis was fined 10 points for campaigning in the Marvin Center.

Golparvar now has 35 points against him, and Lewis has 40 points, with 20 under temporary injunction pending outcome of a lawsuit in the Student Court. A candidate is automatically disqualified when he or she receives 50 points in points.

The Student Court is expected to reach a decision on Lewis' 20 injunction points Tuesday night.

-Matt Berger

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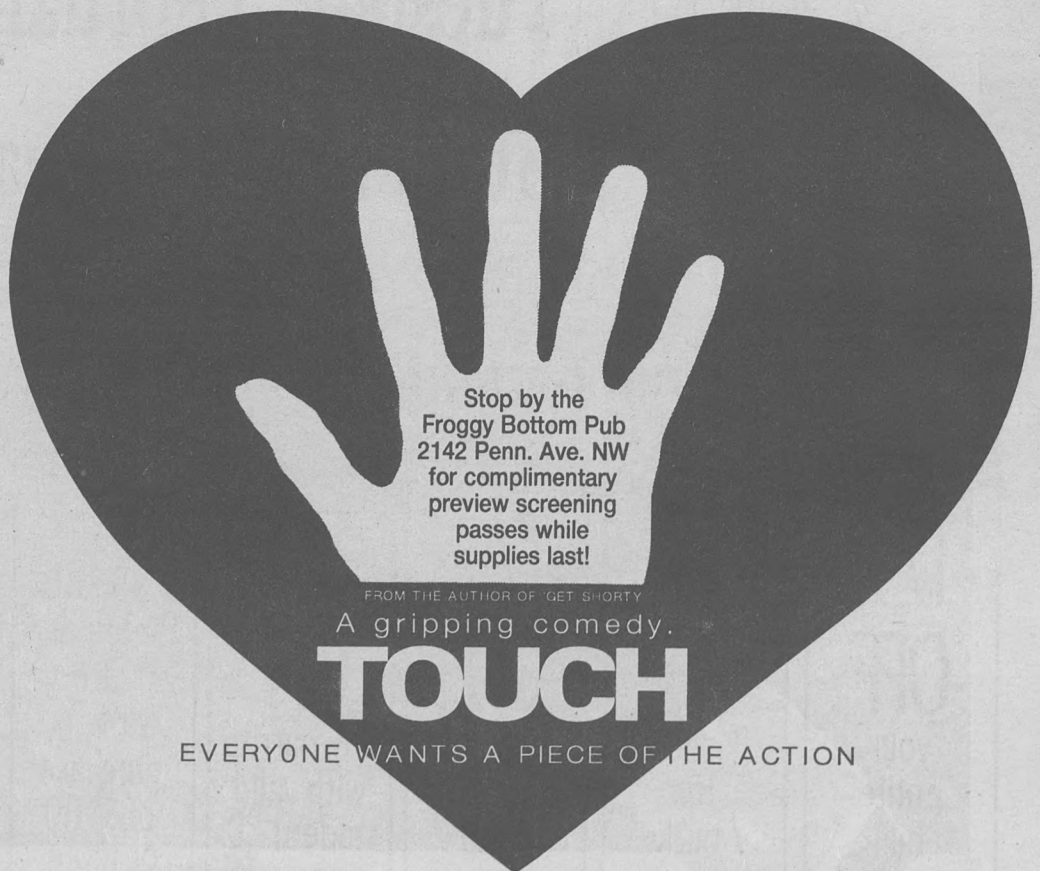
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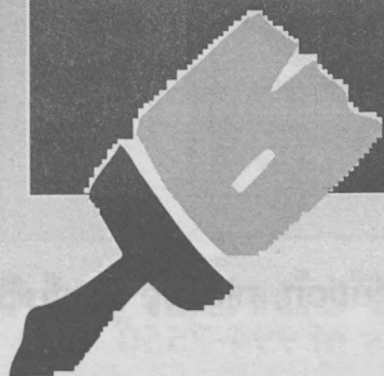
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Marathon raises \$16,000

Top 10 lottery picks sold for almost \$1,000 each

BY EMILY PHELPS
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Congressional cufflinks and housing lottery picks were among items available to the highest bidder Friday evening at Martha's Marathon of Be-Bop and Blues auction sponsored by the Residence Hall Association.

Every seat was filled in the Marvin Center Ballroom as people gathered to bid on donations from U.S. senators, residence hall councils, embassies and sports teams.

"I think this is the first year the Redskins and Orioles have donated things. We tried to go to more unique sources," said sophomore Alan Mok, co-chair of the auction that raises money for housing scholarships.

The 31st annual Martha's Marathon had been planned since September, RHA President Ron Jacobs said.

Students were entertained with food and the sounds of King James and the Serfs of Swing.

"I've always wanted to come here, so finally, I came. It's fun," senior Lisa DeBow said.

Highlights from the evening included bidding to throw a pie in Student Association President Damian McKenna's face, which sold for \$55.

Others followed suit, with Joint Elections Committee members Chris Moody and Jeff Carroll spontaneously entering themselves into the auction. The opportunity to throw pies in each of their faces sold for \$35.

Carroll said he put himself in the auction because "it's for a great cause. We hoped we could raise some money."

Jared Sher, editor in chief of The GW Hatchet, was the next to enter the auction. A pie in his face was sold to McKenna for \$55.

"The night just got a lot better," he said after making his purchase. "It's the best marathon we've ever had."

At the end of the evening, Nick Provenzo, editor in chief of Independence Magazine, also entered himself for a pie in the face. He earned \$35.

All pies will be thrown election

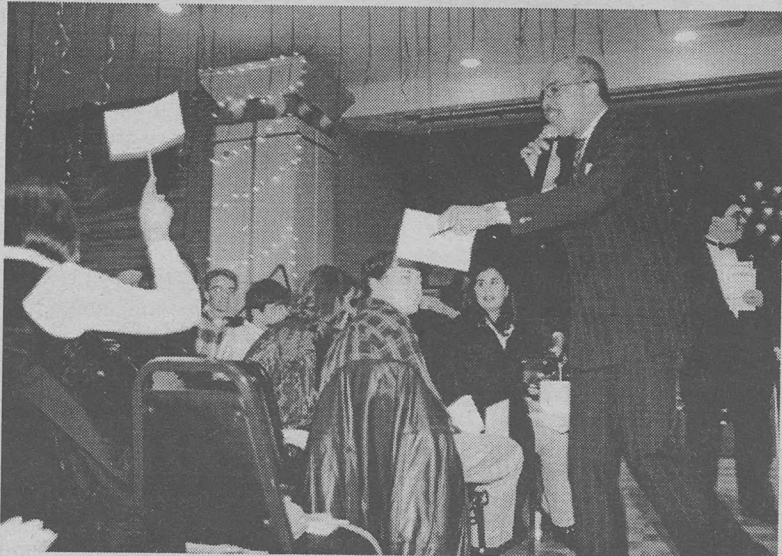
night, Feb. 19.

Last year, more than \$21,000 was raised. This year, more than \$16,000 was raised for housing scholarships.

There was also a silent auction in which junior Nana Adu-Amankwu bought a CD and book for \$42, as well as a GW sweatshirt and hat for \$45. When asked why she bid on those particular items, she said, "It's a good buy."

The first 10 housing lottery picks raised almost \$1,000 per number.

The 10th lottery pick was sold for \$1,700 and the first lottery number was sold for \$1,025.



Jay Crystal/staff photographer

Students make bids at the 31st annual Martha's Marathon of Be-Bop and Blues auction held in the Marvin Center Ballroom Friday evening.

The Top Ten Lottery Picks

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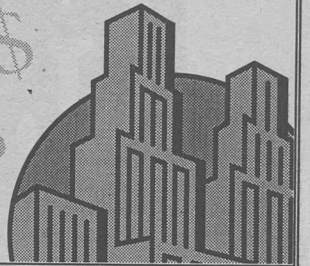
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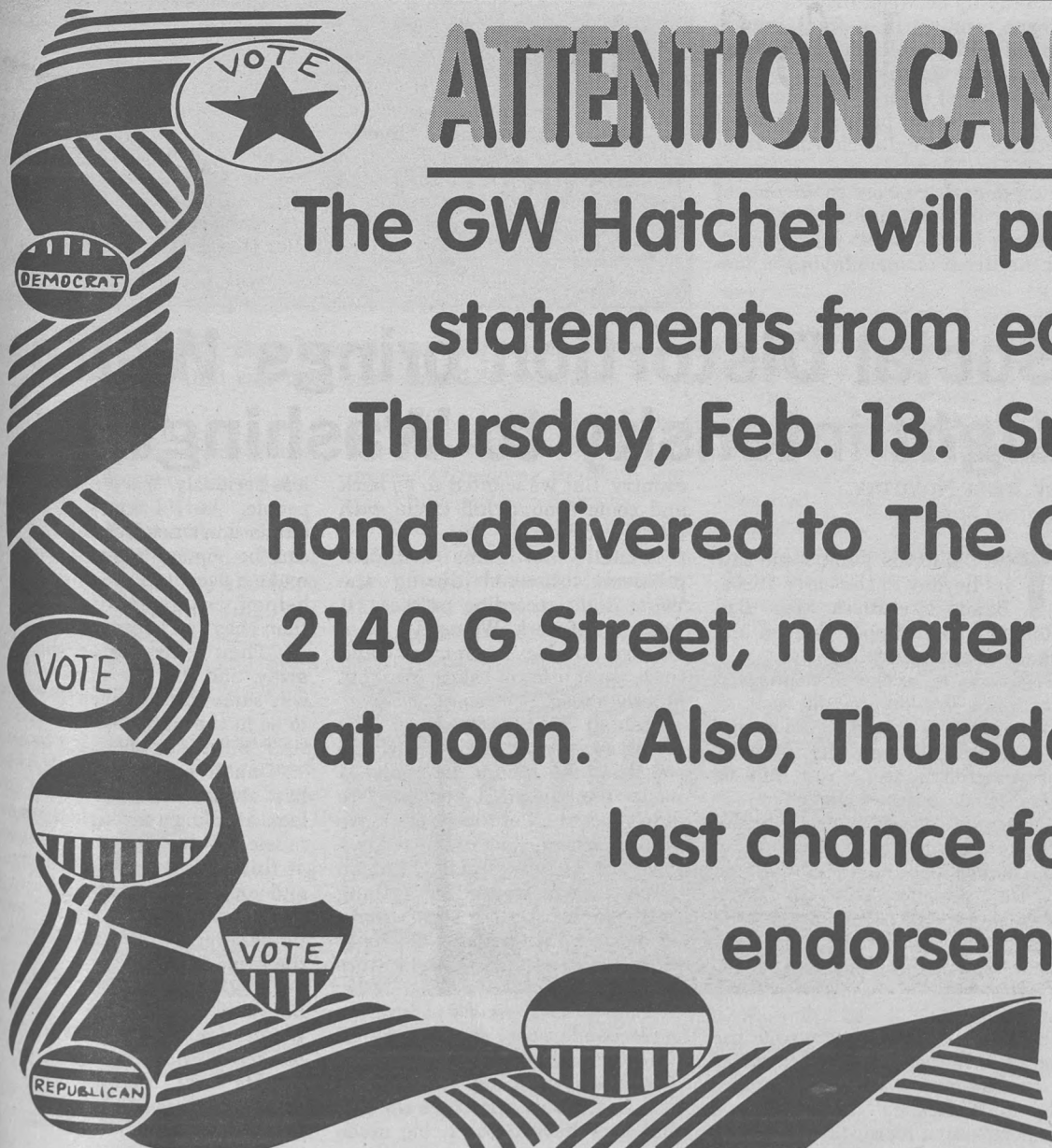
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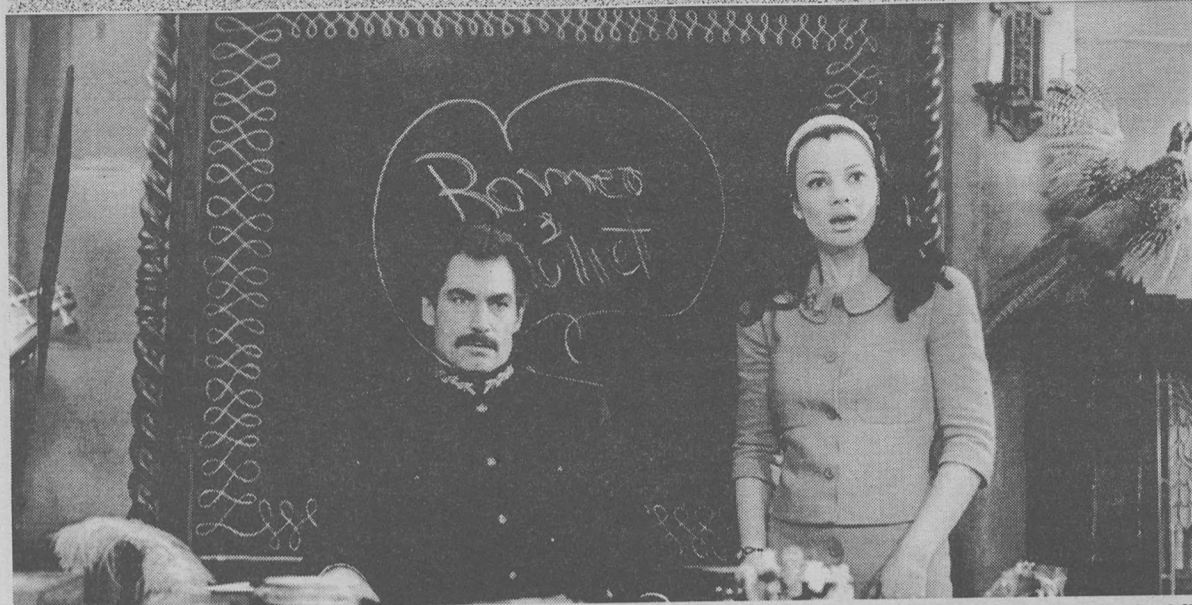
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Beautician Joy Miller (Drescher) takes on the task of tutoring dictator Boris Pochenko's (Dalton) children, and gives his whole world a make-over in the process.

Sassy Drescher shows comedy skills in modernized fairy tale

BY NICOLE SPEULDA
HATCHET REPORTER

The *Beautician and the Beast* (Paramount Pictures) is a tale as old as time. It does little for the viewer interested in a unique storyline, but it is a funny film.

It begins with a cartoon short — a prince wakes a sleeping girl with his kiss, seeking to carry her off happily ever after. Yet, if the prince had known the voice that would come out of the beautiful girl would be that of Fran Drescher (CBS' "The Nanny"), it is doubtful he would have chosen to break the spell. The princess refuses to be carried off, thus beginning the movie about an unlikely couple.

A combination of fairy tale and *The Sound of Music*, the film highlights Drescher as Joy Miller, a hairdresser cum tutor of the four First Children in the fictional East European country of Slovetzia.

This sassy beautician leaves her over-attached parents in Queens to seek her fortune in Slovetzia, falling in love with the children in the process. Where the Von Trapp family conflicted with the Nazis, Joy conflicts with the small country's repres-

sive government. Seeking to "Westernize" Slovetzia, she butts heads with "President for Life" Boris Pochenko.

Timothy Dalton (007 in *License to Kill*) plays Pochenko, dictator of the country as well as of his household. Pochenko, like Slovetzia, is desperately in need of a personality make-over by Joy.

The outrageous Drescher is at her tacky best in *The Beautician and the Beast*, dressed in wild pink outfits, toting a gold lamé bag and speaking in her trademark nasal Queens accent.

Will sparks eventually fly between the Beast and his energetic employee, ending in a final impassioned embrace? It's not hard to tell, but this pleasantly funny fairy tale is still worth seeing.

The movie derives much of its fresh humor from minor characters, such as Joy's parents (Michael Learner from *Barton Fink* and Phyllis Newman from Broadway's "Subways Are For Sleeping"). If you're in need of a refreshing departure from the drama of this year's Academy Award nominees, *The Beautician and the Beast* is sure to lift your spirits. *The Beautician and the Beast* is now playing in theaters.

Slain 2Pac stars in *Gridlock'd* and on the soundtrack

BY LESLY C. HALLMAN
HATCHET REPORTER

Before I even begin to review the soundtrack to the film *Gridlock'd* (Gramercy), let me first clarify that I am a native of California, and that no matter how much I may not like something from the West Coast, I still love it about twice as much as any other music I might encounter.

Not to say that *Gridlock'd* (Death Row Records) is bad. Actually it's pretty enjoyable, especially for those who are already fans of West Coast hip-hop. It's just that Dr. Dre's parting from Death Row puts everything in a totally different light.

2Pac Shakur is the featured star on the soundtrack. It's only natural, since he does co-star in the film and was one of the best acts on Death Row Records before his shooting death last September. He has one solo track on the album, "Never Had a Friend Like Me," and appears on two others, "Wanted Dead or Alive" with SnoopDogg and "Out the Moon" with Snoop and a few other no-name rappers.

"Never Had a Friend Like Me" is just your basic 2Pac song. It probably won't become one of his more memorable songs, but it fits in perfectly with his "When My Homies Call," which was both a song and a mentality for him. However, if you are looking for some of 2Pac's best music, this is not it. Check out "Me Against the World" instead.

The best song honors, by far, go to Dat Nigga Daz for his "Don't Try To Play Me Homie." Although it is incredibly reminiscent of some of Chicago rap group Crucial Conflict's garbage, Daz took it, added a distinctly West Coast flavor, and set it off. The lyrics are heavily laced with profanity, but basically tell a story of a kid trying to move up, but ending up dead in the end.

The last two songs, "Life Is a Traffic Jam," by Eight Mile Road and "Deliberation" by Anonymous are excellent. "Life" begins with a woman with an English accent rhyming about a life dependent on welfare over a bass and a piano. "Land of the free/And home of the enslaved/To the concept of time," she begins. Following is 2Pac in a high speed flow about "Life is a traffic jam/I'm stuck/When will you realize you're fucked?"

"Deliberation" is a free-spirited, pop music-sounding song that is really just the balance the album needs. Not anything fancy, it is simply nice voices telling listeners to let it go and relax.

The soundtrack could have been three songs — "Don't Try To Play Me Homie," "Life Is a Traffic Jam" and "Deliberation" — and that would have been more than enough wonderful music to keep anyone happy. It's a good soundtrack, but would have benefited from a better mix of different types of music, as not everyone who will see the movie likes 2Pac, or even rap music, for that matter.

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Social Distortion brings *White Light* intensity to Washington

BY JOSEF NOVOTNY
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

The California punk scene saw its heyday in the early 1980s. Bands like Black Flag, Bad Religion and Flipper defined the chaos of punk rebellion.

Today the scene is dominated by more low-key bands such as Green Day and Offspring. Fortunately, though, the intensity of yesterday's scene can still be seen today in Social Distortion.

Dennis Danell, Social Distortion's guitarist and one of the band's founding members, said in a phone interview from Providence, R.I., that the band is doing well after taking a three-year hiatus. "(Recording) *White Light*, *White Heat*, *White Trash* was enjoyable." The album is a ferocious blast that returns the band to its punk roots. "On previous albums, like *Someplace Between Heaven and Hell*, we experimented more with blues and

country. But we wanted to go back and come around full circle with this latest record."

Danell said some technical problems occurred during the *White Light* recording process. "It was a lot of work. We used a lot of vintage analog equipment, and there were a lot of takes. We kept forging ahead."

Danell said Mike Ness, the band's songwriter, wrote nearly 25 songs for the album, but only 11 made it to the final version. "We didn't record all of those songs. We did a lot of recording in pre-production, but we were really hard on ourselves. We wanted everything to be perfect. Unlike other times, we didn't want tracks to slide onto the album that we thought were just OK."

Danell said second-generation punk bands such as Rancid and Goldfinger have it easier than Social Distortion did at its inception. As a result, they take the fact that they have made it big much

less seriously. "I try not to classify people, (but) I know that today bands don't need credibility. They can be signed after six months, make a decent first record with the help of writers and producers, but then they can't reproduce it live."

"Then years later they fade away, and it's like music to them was some sort of phase. It was cool to be in the right place at the right time, but that's about it," he said.

Danell said Social Distortion has always tried to take a fresh look at things through the band's music. "We've always tried to look at things differently in our music, and you can change things through awareness ... even though sometimes things will pretty much stay the same."

Social Distortion plays the Capital Ballroom, Half and K streets, S.E., Wednesday, Feb. 12, with Super Suckers and Swingin' Utters. Tickets are available at all TicketMaster outlets or by calling TicketMaster at (202) 432-SEAT.

SPOTLIGHT

Life among relics of the past

GW senior tells of living alone in historical museum and serving as its unofficial curator in her spare time

BY EMILY PHELPS
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

Living in a 20-room house alone, rent free, may be a dream of many college students stuck in their small dorm rooms.

Senior Erin McLaughlin is living that dream. She is the caretaker of the National Society of the Daughters of the 1812 House, the group's national headquarters.

The headquarters, just off Logan Circle in northwest Washington, is "about a brisk 25-minute walk from campus,"

the position.

"Pure nepotism," she said.

"When they decided that I would live here," she said, "I signed a contract. It's an employment agreement that my uncle and the president drew up together. I don't really have that many rules. The only rule is that I can't throw keg parties."

On a tour of the house, McLaughlin explained that the house is more than 120 years old and was bought by the Daughters during the depression.

"They paid it off within two years, so they own it outright. They also own the house next

and plaques which were donated by the state society after which the room was named."

McLaughlin said that Flora Adams Darling founded the Daughters of the 1812, as well as the Daughters of the American Revolution. Darling had a falling out with the leaders in DAR, so she defected and founded the other group.

"She ended up fighting with them, and either left or got kicked out," McLaughlin said. "She was a nasty woman. I'm from Massachusetts, and there's no Massachusetts room. When the president was here, I asked her that and she said, 'Oh, (Darling) had a fight with the Massachusetts state society.' They never had a room."

Members of the society have an annual meeting in April, which is when they elect their leaders, but most of them stay at the Doubletree Hotel down the street, McLaughlin said.

In addition to the house, a Florida library is in the basement, which also is open to the public.

"I've only had one person who wanted to come and use the library," she noted.

A housekeeper comes in once a month, as well.

"She doesn't clean my area," McLaughlin said, but the housekeeper takes care of the rest of the house. Also, a contractor comes in occasionally for maintenance.

McLaughlin lives on the fourth floor in the South Carolina room and what used to be the servants' quarters. She has her own kitchen, but admits that she uses the California kitchen downstairs instead because it is larger.

The only drawback to the house is that it has no washer or dryer. McLaughlin said she has to do her laundry in Munson Hall. The 1812 House is located at 1461 Rhode Island Ave., N.W. The house is open by appointment only. To make an appointment or for more information, call (202) 745-1812.

door, which is closed. They just hired an architect and are in the process of re-doing that and joining it by a common doorway."

"Each room is named after a state, and the state societies take care of their room," McLaughlin said. "The rooms are filled with antique furniture, curios, pictures



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Senior Erin McLaughlin, pictured in the New York room, lives alone in a 20-room house that was built more than 120 years ago.

McLaughlin said.

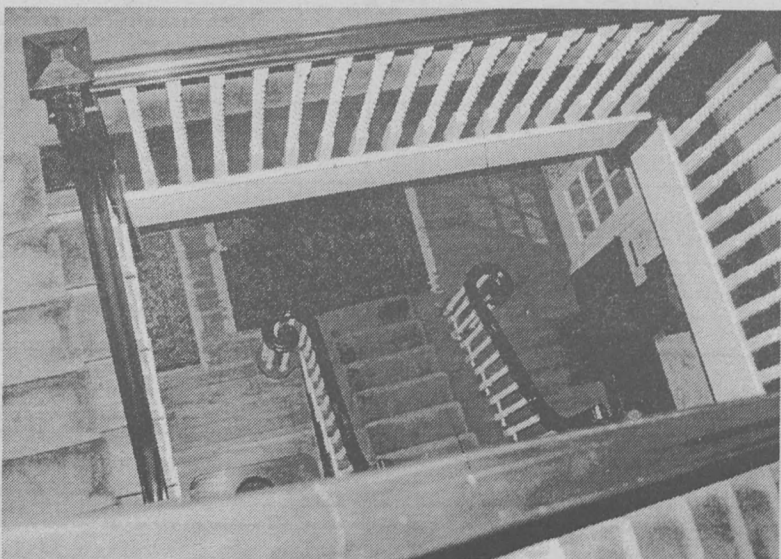
In exchange for living there, McLaughlin answers phones and mail for the association.

"We get a lot of mail, we get a lot of phone calls, and a lot of them are really strange and have nothing to do with anything. But there is no full-time staff. The president lives in Oklahoma. She's basically the person I have contact with," she said.

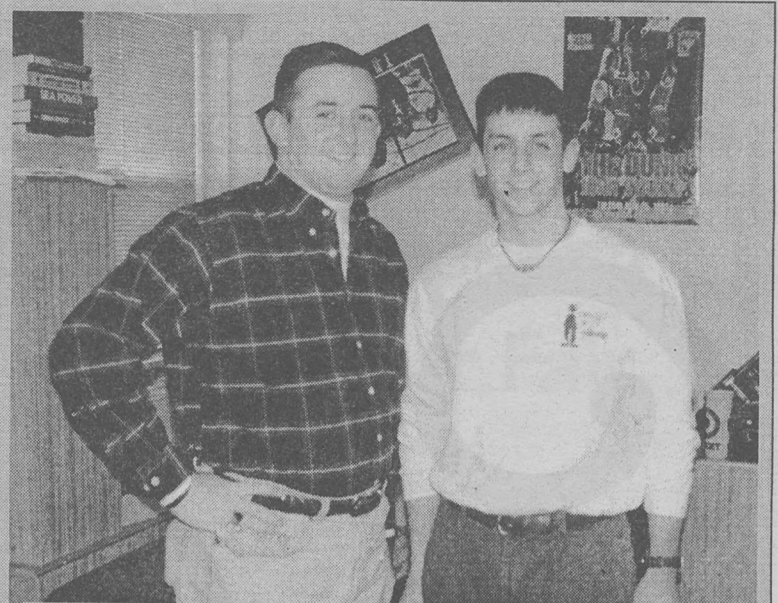
McLaughlin also gives tours of the house. "I don't hold any specific hours, but if someone calls me and wants to look at the house, I have to be available."

She received the job in September of 1996 when her uncle, a lawyer in the city, mentioned that the president of the Daughters, an acquaintance of his, was looking for someone to fill

One of the antique stairwells in the 1812 House. The wood panels came from the wings of World War I airplanes.



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Kevin Giloolly (l.) and his brother Chris share a room in Munson Hall. The two said they have few problems living together.

Brotherly, or sisterly, love shared at GW

BY KRISTIAN HOUSE
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

To some people, going to high school with their brother or sister was one of the most terrible things that ever happened to them. They might tell you about their experience: "He and his friends embarrassed me all through school," "she always told Mom when I played hooky" or "the little dork never stopped asking me for money."

Having a family member on the same campus may have been the last thing they needed. So what about going to college with them?

Surprisingly, most students who go to GW with their siblings seem to have few problems with the situation. As junior Kevin Giloolly says about his younger brother, "It's nice to have him here."

Giloolly said when he left home for GW, he hadn't seen his brother Chris for three years because of school and summer activities. So when Chris decided to come to Kevin's school, a family was united again.

"I'm used to living with him, and Kevin and I now get along better," said Chris, a freshman. He and Kevin live in the same residence hall room in Munson Hall.

Vacation plans are made easy when both siblings go to the same university, the pair added. Spring break dates are the same, as well as long weekends.

"(Our parents) don't have to worry about going all over the place. Travel is easier," Chris said.

The crazed sister combo of Annie and Sara Johanson are another sibling pair happy to have each other nearby, albeit at a safe distance.

"I see her here more than I saw her in high school. We get along better now that we don't live under the same roof," freshman Sara said.

Not only can siblings take advantage of GW's tuition break for siblings, but they can take classes together, as well.

"I'm taking English 11 this semester, and we're taking it together," Sara said.

Would this be cause for sibling rivalry, though?

"It's funny, our teacher was calling roll and everybody tripped out. There's no competition in class, it's just English. Maybe it'll change when we start getting grades," junior Annie noted.

While academic competition is not yet strident, Sara said the quest for men is. "She's always trying to steal my men!"

People often get the two sisters confused, which can sometimes be a hassle at school.

"I went to Safeway one day and ran into one of the Johansons I thought was in my Yoga class from last semester ... started talking and then realized it wasn't the right one," senior James Reidy said.

Sara said she deals with this problem often.

"Some kid slapped me on the back and then ran away," Sara said. "He said 'I thought you were somebody else.'"

Michelle and Anthony Arcieri are a brother-sister duo. Michelle, a freshman, said she chose GW for reasons other than having a sibling at the University.

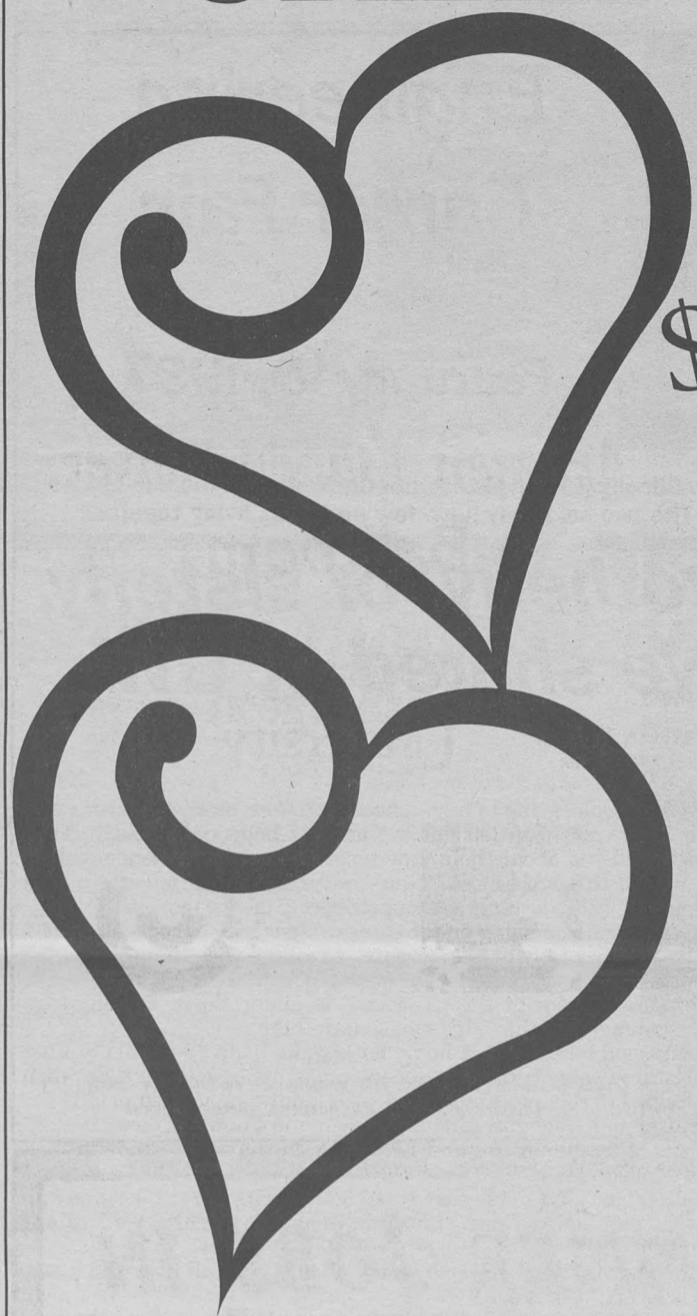
"Having him here is not the reason I came, but it's helpful. If I have a problem or need help with something, I'll call him up," Michelle said.

Unlike some students who come from great distances, these familial pairs can take solace in having such a close safety net here on campus. "My parents are glad that he's here," Michelle said.

Anthony, a senior, takes a passive role in guiding his younger sibling's college experience.

"Our social circles don't come together much ... I don't want to get in her way and she doesn't want to get in mine," Anthony said. "During registration, she'll call and ask about certain classes. I think it's definitely a benefit."

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JEC designates 'no palm-carding' zones

BY HEATHER HARE
HATCHET STAFF WRITER

No palm carding will be allowed on H Street between Crawford Hall and the Marvin Center during polling hours due to new rules set by the Joint Elections Committee.

The JEC also will make signs available to students allowing them to restrict campaigning in their residence hall rooms.

The new JEC and Residence Hall Association rules for the election require distributors of campaign material to stay outside 100 feet of any residence hall. That replaces the old rule of 75 feet.

The JEC rules also extended the rule to no distribution within 100 feet of a polling place. Therefore, no palm carding will be allowed in front of the H Street entrance of the Marvin Center during polling hours.

"The rule used to be 75 feet, now it's 100. RHA approved the rules, but the JEC wrote them," JEC member Jeff Carroll said.

Sophomore Brian Smith said he is disturbed by palm carding. "I become extremely turned off to a candidate," Smith said.

Sophomore Will Clark agreed and said he is bothered by palm carding in front of J Street.

Signs stating, "No campaigning allowed. Thank you for not disturbing us," will be made available to all students in residence halls.

"Last year rules stated that the sign said, 'Campaigning allowed.' We changed it with RHA's approval. If you don't want campaigning in your room, you can put up a sign," Carroll said.

The signs will be distributed in campus mailboxes, the JEC office or the residence hall office before residence hall campaigning begins Tuesday.

When the sign is posted on a resident's door, a candidate cannot knock on the door, Carroll said. The only way to distribute campaign materials inside the residence halls or within 100 feet of the hall is through mailings.

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Topics include moral voice, law, culture, virtues, values and the "institutional framework."

Panelists include: visiting scholar from the American Enterprise Institute John Fonte; E.J. Dionne of The Washington Post; Georgetown University's Dean of Faculty R. Bruce Douglas; George Mason University's Hirst Scholar from the Institute of Public Policy Francis Fukuyama and senior editor of the *Weekly Standard* David Brooks.

The event will be held in Marvin Center room 403 and a reception will follow the discussion.

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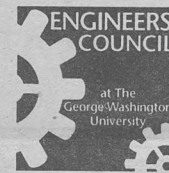
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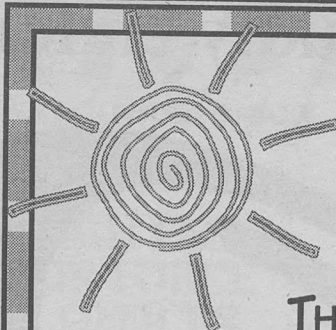
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Menzies denies abuse charge

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initiated" and "the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses appearing against him or her, to produce witnesses on his or her own behalf, to present evidence."

Menzies said he was never granted any of these rights. "The right to know your accuser is one of the most fundamental rights of civilized men," Menzies said.

Jane Doe

When Menzies received his case documents from the Department of Education, the names of all parties involved were removed. Those documents also refer to the female student as Jane Doe. Two professors and an associate dean were interviewed in the investigation, and now all three are being sued as agents of the University.

Menzies said the two professors are Pell and Professor James Lebovic, while the associate dean is Barbara Framer. Framer refused to comment on the case.

"I really can't get into any of this because there is a lawsuit pending," Framer said.

What really troubles Menzies, he said, is the unknown identity of Jane Doe. According to court records, a female student told Pell in 1992 she was receiving strange phone calls and being followed by an unknown male. Apparently, the student named Menzies as the assailant and continued to report harassing phone calls from a male saying he was going to "slash your face," "I love you" and "I'm going to cut you up."

In March 1992, Doe met with an unnamed professor to report more harassment and black and blue marks on her face and bite marks on her arms. According to the suit, Doe fingered Menzies as the perpetrator.

Doe allegedly also met with Framer periodically from March 1992 to June 1992 and notes from the meetings say she was bloodied, bruised and sincere in her allegations against Menzies.

Menzies said all allegations of abuse were false and were known to be false by the accusers.

In another strange twist,

Menzies found a 1992 letter from three unnamed members of the political science department to Kenny stating why he should be dropped from the Ph.D. program. The letter made no mention of the assault charges. Menzies believes Pell, because of an in-class personal conflict, encouraged a female student to concoct the abuse stories to convince the three unnamed professors to drop Menzies from the program.

"A Total Loss of Happiness"

Menzies said the ongoing battle with GW and allegations of assault have destroyed his reputation and hampered his ability to "earn a living and earning power."

"It affects every aspect of your life ... they never gave me a chance to defend myself," he said. "Here I was with dreams of earning my doctorate, starting a career and living a normal, American life. Those dreams are all ruined now."

GW Director of Public Affairs Mike Freedman said the University is "confident the suit will be dismissed in its entirety."

"We deny all of these charges," Freedman said. "Mr. Menzies has repackaged his allegations against the University which were already found to be without merit."

Menzies' first suit was dismissed by the court for a lack of evidence that he had been discriminated against, and Freedman said this case is no different.

"It's pretty cut and dry to us. It is totally without merit, and the court already said so once and we

believe they will say so again," Freedman said.

The case, in which Menzies is asking for \$9 million in damages and undetermined legal fees, is in the discovery stage. The University had filed to dismiss the case, but it was returned by the court on a technicality.

Menzies' lawyer, Tom Cacket, said he stands behind the claims of his client and is confident Menzies will prevail in this "tragedy of cataclysmic proportions."

Cacket said he is concerned about the University's ability to "steamroll" over people.

"What's at stake are personal injuries to a person's reputation and his ability to earn a living," Cacket said. "The University has done him wrong and made an effort to get rid of him. If that proves to be true, it is a true concern for a lot of people that an institution with the size and power of GW can turn on someone. It's a pretty scary thing."

Although the University denies Menzies' allegations and believes it acted responsibly, Menzies said the affair has resulted in a "total loss of happiness."

"This has been the most crushing, humiliating experience of my life," he said. "I have suffered from anxiety and sleeplessness."

Menzies, who now works as an accountant and lives in suburban Takoma Park, Md., said he can no longer get any references from any part of his college career, and even though he never received his Ph.D., he is still paying for it.

"If this can occur with one student, then the due process rights of all students as described in the bulletin are in jeopardy for all," he said.

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Candidate hopefuls meet on freshman turf

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Miller said his experiences as a leader in the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity will help him lead the SA.

The candidates for SA executive vice president, Tony Sayegh, Jahna Hartwig and Kirti Patel, discussed their platforms as well.

Sayegh said alumni should be available to help students get jobs, senators should have office hours and the "one card," which would consolidate all student needs into one ID card, should be available.

Sayegh said he is also in favor of peer judgment in the Interfraternity Council and Panhellenic Association.

Hartwig said she would like to provide students with a Metro pass for unlimited use that would have a fixed cost of \$100 per semester for on-campus students and no more than \$200 for off-campus students, a task which she is already pursuing.

"There's not as much tension between graduate and undergraduate students as everyone would like us to think. I am strongly against graduates breaking away from the undergraduates. All the tension you see in The Hatchet is not as real as it seems," said Hartwig, a first year law student.

Patel discussed her desires for the SA to advocate student's rights.

She said she wants to create a house of representatives, which would bring students' opinions to the Senate. The house would represent fraternities, sororities, residence halls and other student orga-

nizations wishing to be included.

Candidates for the undergraduate senate at-large seats Patrick Preston and Patrick Macmanus discussed what they would do if elected.

Preston said he would like to give all sophomores living on campus the opportunity to get off the meal plan. He said he also would like to have the Smith Center open to all students during "peak hours," not just varsity athletes.

Macmanus said he would like to establish 24-hour access to books in the library and a communications link between students and their senators.

Macmanus, a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity, also addressed concerns about the counseling center.

"Counselors need to be trained for rape counseling," he said. "If you have a male who is also (from a Greek-letter organization) you will have a far better impact going after them than even a female ... Greeks are concerned because we want to improve our image. It is a double-edged sword to get something done."

At large candidate Carrie Potter did not attend.

Derek Pillie, Jesse Strauss, Jason Haber and Ed Miner are campaigning to be Columbian School of Arts and Sciences senators.

Each of the candidates mentioned their concerns regarding the mandatory freshman advising workshops and a need for improved services.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

HILLEL & LGBA, Election Forum '97. 2300 H Street, 7:00 PM. Info? Contact Michael at 296-8873.

MOCK TRIAL TEAM, General Meeting. Bell 108, 7:00 PM. Info? Contact Cat at 994-0624.

STUDY ABROAD, General Information Session. Stuart Hall 104, 11:00 AM. Info? Contact Alissa at 994-1649.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

GW BASKETBALL, Mens Team vs Old Dominion. Smith Center, 7:30 PM. Students are free with a valid ID.

SA, Senate Meeting. Colonial Commons, 9:00 PM. Info? Contact Dianne at 994-7100.

STUDY ABROAD, Second Step Advising Session. Stuart Hall 104, 2:30 PM. Info? Contact Alissa at 994-1649.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

COLLEGE REPUBLICANS, Annual Abraham Lincoln Forum. Corcoran 101, 8:00 PM. Info? Contact Matt at 530-1537.

MOCK TRIAL TEAM, General Meeting. Bell 301A, 7:00 PM.

Info? Contact Cat at 994-0624.

COUNSELING CENTER, Academic Success Series. "Understand Your Textbooks". 2033 K Street, Suite 330. Info? Call 994-5300.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

GW BASKETBALL, Women Team vs Xavier. Smith Center, 7:00 PM. Students are free with a valid ID.

ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, Meeting. Marvin Center 403, 7:00 PM. Info? Contact Maha at 333-1677.

STUDY ABROAD, General Information Session. Stuart Hall 104, 1:00 PM. Info? Contact Alissa at 994-1649.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

STUDY ABROAD, Second Step Advising Session. Stuart Hall 104, 11:30 AM.

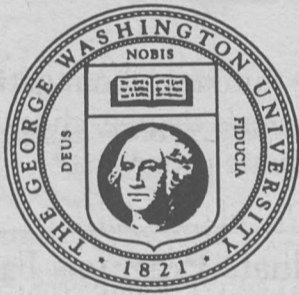
General Information Session, Stuart Hall, 3:00 PM. Info? Contact Alissa at 994-1649.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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Candidates defend ideas, platforms

(from p. 16)

Pillie, a former journalism major, who is now a political science major, said he would like to provide students with a basic understanding of the media by helping student organizations publish newsletters.

Echoing the views of many of the candidates, Miner said, "Senators should make themselves available to their constituency." However, Miner also said he is concerned with freshmen adjusting to life away from home.

Strauss is director of the SA Dining Services Commission and said if elected, he would continue his work to improve GW's meal plans.

Haber also suggested a stronger link between students and their senators. In addition, he said he would like to establish affordable rates for student car rentals.

Rob Siegel and Josh Eisman are candidates for Elliott School of International Affairs senator.

Eisman said he would like to improve advising. "The 45 minutes they spend with us is less time than I spend deciding what I would like to eat every night."

Siegel was unavailable for comment.

Program Board executive chair candidates Soraya Tabibi and Thanh Yves Nguyen both discussed student fees and activities.

Tabibi said she hopes to increase the quality and quantity of programming. She said she also would like to increase student input by creating a think tank where GW

students can place their ideas and criticisms for PB.

Nguyen said he is most concerned with the student activity fee, which he said costs each student \$915. Nguyen said he would like to see students with more money in their pockets and more personal satisfaction.

Michael Petron, Patrick Lincoln, Jonathan Pompan and Amia Trojri are among the candidates running for four positions on the Marvin Center Governing Board.

Petron said would like to return the Marvin Center to the students. He said he also hopes to write by-laws that would make the monthly meetings of the MCGB more effective.

"I want to help create a Marvin Center that's a student union," Lincoln said. "After freshman year everyone leaves Thurston and the sense of community is lost." He said that sense of community can be regained in the Marvin Center.

Pompan said he wants to renovate the Marvin Center as promised previously. "With GW expecting the largest freshman class for the third year in a row, food services will have to be addressed," he said.

Trojri said, "Diversity on campus should be reflected by the Marvin Center Governing Board."

Trojri said she would continue to publish the Marvin Center newsletter and encourage involvement from freshmen. She also would like to increase the amount of recycling in the Marvin Center.

Respectfully Yours CD sales reach 20%

The Student Association has sold about 20 percent of the inventory for its first CD featuring a mix of talent from GW students and staff, according to Patrick Macmanus, the Student Association's director of the campus spirit initiative.

The CD, entitled *Respectfully Yours ... G. Washington*, is a compilation of students' musical talent featured in a variety of music, ranging from big band to synthesized to classical.

The CD was produced by the SA and was a student-run project, and according to Macmanus, the

project has been a success.

"Students have shown real interest in the CD and (are) supporting fellow students," Macmanus said.

The SA's goal is to have the CD sold out by May, and Macmanus said sales have shown they're on the way to that goal.

The CD is being sold in the SA office in the Marvin Center, and Macmanus said the SA plans to sell it at Tower Records and the GW Bookstore after spring break.

-Amy Furth

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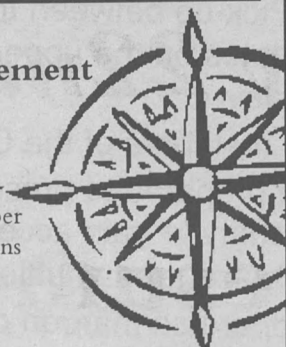
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SPORTS

The Lisner Hippo

With no more games, Hippo looks into trucks

What's a hippo to do?

When Cary Blanchard ended the 1996 NFL season in last weekend's Pro Bowl, the Hippo was desperate for action. GW hoops? Not since the Tampa Bay Buccaneers did the Hippo see such futility in sport.

Saddened, the Hippo trudged out to USAir Arena, the mecca of pointless sports for the mid-Atlantic region. What the Hippo found was simply wonderful. He found a monster truck rally.

The floor of USAir Arena was covered in dirt and mud, and rows of cars, painted black and white, were waiting to be crushed by the behemoths sitting in the ring. There were six such super-autos, waiting to race and to crush.

American Guardian was painted black, with red, white and blue trim. A large eagle was painted on the side of American Guardian, with American Flags hanging from the back. Liquidator was painted green, with stripes on the side.

Tyrannosaurus Wrex is a converted tow truck, with a metal dinosaur painted on the side. Unfortunately, on this night, Wrex could not answer the call of the crowd. He threw an axle and could not compete.

Rounding out the competition was Outlaw, a rebel truck, Space Ranger, a science-fiction version of Outlaw, and the granddaddy of them all, Bigfoot, painted classic blue and with his Ford insignia tinted a light pink.

Before the truck competition began, as before every sporting event, "The Star Spangled Banner" was played over the loudspeaker. In patriotic celebration, American Guardian released fireworks throughout the song.

Monster truck racing is basically drag racing. Whoever is first to the finish wins, and the competition is single-elimination format. In the first round of competition, American Guardian took on Outlaw. The Hippo picked Outlaw, but American Guardian was quicker off the starting line and took the race.

In the other first-round matches, Liquidator beat Space Ranger, and Bigfoot was granted a bye (Wrex had axle problems).

After the first round, a transforming car entered the arena, and began speaking to the crowd. Glactron, as the Hippo later learned, fought only for the forces of good. He was later joined in the arena by Reptar, leader of the Dark Empire, who wished to convert the USAir Arena crowd to the dark side.

The Hippo was pretty impressed with Reptar, and picked him to win the obvious ensuing battle because of his ability to shoot fire out of his mouth. Again the Hippo was wrong, and Glactron prevailed.

In a phone interview, the Hippo talked with Glactron's and Reptar's creator, Dave Wiecek, formerly the driver of the monster truck

Nightlife (who apparently decided to go to Tequila Grill instead of competing this evening). "Well, I just had some time to kill, some metal, and I wanted to see if I could do it," Wiecek said of his inventions.

The Hippo thinks Wiecek is a visionary before his time (although Glactron looked a lot like KITT from Knight Rider and Reptar was kind of a wussy).

The second round began, and Bigfoot was tested mightily by American Guardian, but prevailed once he got off the crushed cars. Liquidator was granted a bye into the finals for beating Space Ranger.

Then the real test began. Bigfoot, the crowd favorite, was pushed to his limit in the finals, and fell to Liquidator's speed advantage. The Hippo, caught up in the moment, picked Bigfoot and was foiled again.

All in all, the evening became monotonous and ear-shattering (big cars plus small space equals much noise.) The Hippo's prognosticating prowess was useless, as the whole evening seemed much like going to see a pro wrestling event. Oh well, there's always women's basketball.

—Tryg Olsen



Trucks like Nitemare II lit up the night at USAir Arena when the Hippo visited the Monster Truck rally Feb. 1.

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SPORTS

The Muted Cheer

#1 up for grabs after top three fall

This was not your average week in men's college basketball. Within two days, the top three teams in the country fell to conference foes: Missouri beat No. 1 Kansas in two overtimes, No. 8 Duke won at No. 2 Wake Forest and No. 19 South Carolina edged No. 3 Kentucky in overtime.

With all due respect to Missouri and Duke, the team of the week is South Carolina.

Gamecocks' junior Melvin Watson is the quickest point guard in college basketball. It is unlikely that Kentucky head coach Rick Pitino had ever seen one player break the Wildcat press by himself until Watson did it. In the Gamecocks' half-court set, Watson abused Kentucky with lightning-quick cross-over dribbles and spin moves.

While South Carolina's strength clearly resides in its backcourt, its front court will determine how far the Southeastern Conference leaders go. Head coach Eddie Fogler doesn't ask his big guys to score much, but he does need them to pound opposing low-post players and set picks to get Watson and the other guards free.

South Carolina finished a great week by beating Florida easily on Saturday. This week is no easier for the Gamecocks, as they visit No. 12 Cincinnati on Feb. 15 in the game of the week.

Three of the nation's top conferences have some surprise leaders. South Carolina was certainly not supposed to be undefeated in the SEC East and pulling away from Kentucky. The Big East Seven finds, of all teams, Miami holding on to a share of the lead.

The biggest surprise is in the Pacific 10, where UCLA and Southern California are tied for the conference lead. (A Muted Cheer goes out to UCLA for avenging last month's 48-point loss to Stanford by beating the Cardinal by 19 Saturday.) Arizona and Stanford, predicted one and two in the conference, are struggling to catch up. The Pac 10 should get interesting this week as both UCLA and USC play at Arizona.

There are two teams the Muted Cheer just can't quite figure out. The first is No. 9 New Mexico. Feb. 1, the Lobos humiliated No. 5 Utah at home. Then Saturday, New Mexico loses by 21 points to Texas Christian.

The other team is No. 11 Louisville. Louisville is the roller coaster ride of college basketball. Jan. 23, Louisville is upset by Memphis. Jan. 30, Louisville beats Cincinnati. Then on Feb. 2 Louisville is upset by Temple.

As March gets closer, look for inconsistent yet talented teams like New Mexico and Louisville to suffer early knockouts in their conference tournaments, the NCAA Tournament or both.

-Dave Adler

GW women romp over No. 22 WKU

Team makes case for top 25 with 30th straight win at Smith Center

BY BEN OSBORNE
SPORTS EDITOR

For those GW women's basketball fans who expected Saturday's game against No. 22 Western Kentucky to break the trend of 30-point laughers, there was disappointment in the Smith Center.

But for those fans who enjoy intense, strong play, GW's 88-63 destruction of the Lady Toppers was pure joy.

"Buoyed by a regular-season attendance record of 2,783, the Colonial Women came at Western Kentucky in a fevered pitch and jumped out to a 14-2 lead before four minutes had gone by.

"They played a tremendous game," Western Kentucky head coach Paul Sanderford said. "(Defensively), they did exactly what we said they would, they just did it so well," he added, referring to the full-court pressure GW put on throughout the first half.

Prepared or not, the Lady Toppers certainly appeared rattled as GW marched to its 30th straight home victory.

GW senior point guard Colleen McCrea spearheaded the press with her fast feet and quick hands, helping get GW the early lead while Western Kentucky committed 19 turnovers in the first half alone.

"We came out with the intensity we needed," an understated McCrea said.

Following the 14-2 game-opening burst, GW gradually built on its advantage until it had a comfortable 45-22 lead at halftime. "We didn't even want halftime," McCrea said. "We just wanted to keep playing."

McCrea was hardly GW's only star. From starting forwards Lisa Cermignano and Noelia Gomez to

spunky reserves Marlo Egleston and Khadija Deas, virtually the entire team contributed.

Cermignano hit three long jumpers in the first eight minutes of the game as GW took control, and finished up with 16 points and five assists in a team-high 37 minutes of playing time.

While Western Kentucky focused much of its defense on stopping GW center Tajama Abraham, Gomez got a number of open looks at the basket and took full advantage. She hit on 10-15 shots from the field for a game-high 24 points.

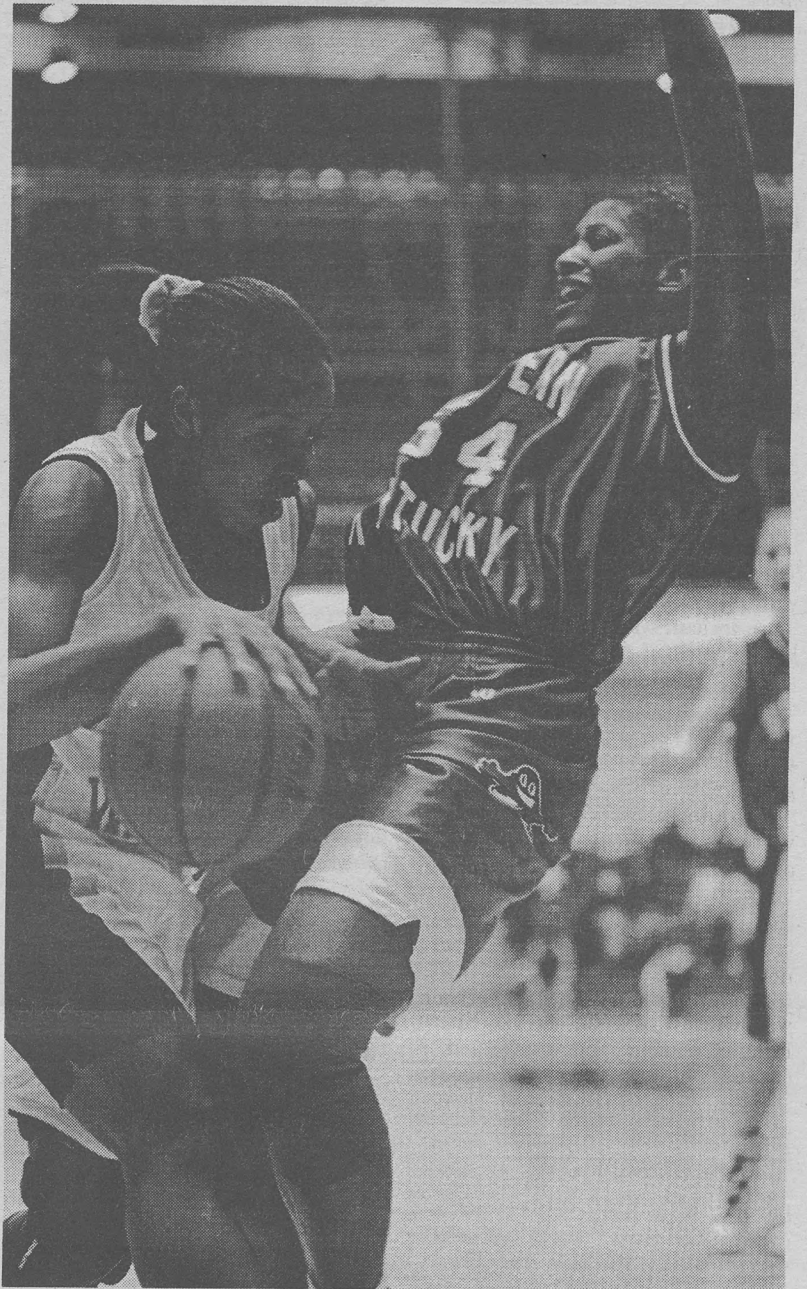
GW complemented its outstanding shooting - 56 percent - with great ball movement, collecting 21 assists on the day. "(Our passing) is one of the reasons we're playing so well," head coach Joe McKeown said. "This is the most unselfish team I've coached since I've been at GW."

The second half was the reserves' time to shine. Egleston was all over the court, preventing WKU from getting back in the game with her unusually assertive play. The freshman guard scored 12 of her 18 points in the second half, many on tough moves to the basket.

Deas was a defensive force, meanwhile. The sophomore center grabbed six rebounds and had two huge rejections, bringing the excitable crowd to its feet after both blocks.

The victory should finally push GW into the nation's top 25 rankings. After receiving votes before the season, GW limped to a 1-3 start and disappeared from the polls.

The win over Western Kentucky was GW's 14th straight, however, and should get the Colonial Women back among the nation's upper echelon.



Tyson Trish/Visuals Editor

GW's Chasity Myers scored 14 points in Saturday's 88-63 win over Western Kentucky.

Record-setting crowd becomes part of GW's game plan in blowout win over Lady Toppers

BY DUSTIN GOUKER
HATCHET SPORTS WRITER

Crowds packed the Smith Center Saturday afternoon to watch basketball. The atmosphere was electric, the pep band was hammering out the fight song and the student section was alive.

But curiously enough, the men weren't playing at home on Saturday. This crowd showed up to see women's basketball.

In front of 2,783 animated fans, the Colonial Women proceeded to drub not another mediocre conference foe, but a nationally ranked opponent - No. 22 Western Kentucky. The crowd was the second largest to ever see a GW women's game at home, behind only the exhibition game against the U.S. Women's National Team last year.

"It was a great atmosphere," said head coach Joe McKeown, who personally thanked the crowd after the game. "I thought our fans were tremendous."



Tyson Trish/Visuals Editor

Aided by a raucous crowd, the Colonial Women played intense defense throughout the game against Western Kentucky.

The team jumped out to a double-digit lead after just four minutes. Western Kentucky reeled from the one-two combination of a strong opponent and a loud and supportive home-court crowd.

"I think we had a sixth man with us, and that was our student

body, and our alumni and the people who support GW women's basketball," McKeown said. "When you're playing with six, it makes it a lot easier."

Throughout the game chants of "Defense!" went up from the crowd, something that has rarely hap-

pened at a women's game this year for anyone who had seen the team play prior to Saturday.

"This crowd was really nice," senior Tajama Abraham said. "I'm a firm believer that the crowd is a great incentive to win." And the Colonial Women did respond to the crowd with amazing intensity, shooting a blistering 56 percent from the field.

They also stepped up their already stingy defense, scrambling all over the court to force 27 turnovers and make 14 steals, with spark plugs Colleen McCrea and Chasity Myers collecting four each.

"Our kids were energized, and I think they were really ready to play," McKeown said. Part of how GW made a highly touted team look like a bunch of ragtag playground players is that they are a talented and experienced squad. But some of the credit must go to the crowd as well.

"I hope they all come back next home game, too," McKeown said.

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